

Beaverton Police

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The Beaverton Police Department is investigating incidents at two Beaverton High Schools.

Southridge High School

At 8:30 am, Southridge High School received a bomb threat which led to the evacuation of the school. The high school was searched by the Beaverton Police Department and officials with Southridge High School and the threat was determined to be unfounded.

Beaverton High School

At 9:29 hrs, a Beaverton High School student attempted to place a soda bottle containing an unknown chemical in the school library, with the intended purpose of having it detonate. The bottle exploded prematurely and the student was later taken into custody by the Beaverton Police Department.

The student was not injured during this incident and there were no reports of other injuries. Initial damage estimates are estimated at several thousand dollars and include damage to books, carpet, HVAC filters, ceiling tiles and furniture.

Tualatin Valley Fire& Rescue (TVF&R) responded to a commercial fire alarm at the Beaverton High School in connection with this incident. Upon their arrival, firefighters found an extinguished fire in the library with some smoke remaining inside the building. The students and staff who had been inside the library at the time had safely evacuated.

School staff indicated they used a fire extinguisher to put out the flames which were confined to bookshelves at the East end of the library. A TVF&R Deputy Fire Marshall was inspecting another area of the school at the time and began assisting Beaverton Police and school staff in the investigation.

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